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SUBJECT: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR DECEMBER, 1973.

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1. SUMMARY: NARCOTICS-RELATED ACTIVITY PICKED UP

CONSIDERABLY IN DECEMBER. HIGHLIGHTS WERE THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE, VISITS TO MEXICO BY WALT MINNICK (OMB), DR. DUPONT (SAODAP), AND LARRY HERMAN (OMB) AND OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. ON DECEMBER 3 THE USG AND GOM
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SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE US TO PROVIDE 4 LARGE

HELICOPTERS TO THE GOM. TWO FURTHER DONATIONS OF BOOKS BETWEEN SAODAP AND CEMEF HAVE TAKEN PLACE. A NOTORIOUS AMCIT TRAFFICKER WAS "INFORMALLY DEPORTED" FROM MEXICO INTO IS CUSTODY. MORE PUBLIC STATEMENTS UNDERLINED THE MEXICAN

CONCERN WITH THE DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM. THE LEVEL OF REPORTED SEIZURES REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME IN DECEMBER

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY TOTALS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE PUBLISHED SEPARATE, AND SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY, SETS OF YEAR-END STATISTICS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES:

A. DECEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR OFFICIAL VISITS

AND CONFERENCES RELATED TO ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITY. DCM

ROBERT DEAN, DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR TOM DEAN AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT FRANCESCO ALBERTI ATTENDED THE DECEMBER 3-4 CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN NARCOTICS COORDINATORS IN BOGOTA COLOMBIA (FOR A LIST OF SUGGESTED GOALS FOR MEXICO, SEE MEXICO 8827). FOLLOWING THE BOGOTA CONFERENCE, MR. WALTER MINNICK, ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR FOR DRUG MANAGEMENT IN OMB VISITED MEXICO CITY FOR TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS AT THE EMBASSY AND WITH GOM OFFICIALS. SAODAP DIRECTOR DR. ROBERT DUPONT AND MR.; LARRY HERMAN, DEPUTY CHIEF, FEDERAL

DRUG MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF OMB, VISITED MEXICO DECEMBER 11-14 FOR TALKS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WITH GOM OFFICIALS PRINCIPALLY IN THE REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT AREAS (SEE MEXICO 9434). AND DURING DECEMBER THE EMBASSY HAD A NUMBER OF VISITS FROM DEA AND OTHER WASHINGTON-BASED OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE INITIATION OF "OPERATION STARFIRE" (THE INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN SINALOA CONFIDENTIAL

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STATE) AND "COMPASS TRIP" :THE REMOTE SENSING EFFORT TO DETECT POPPY AND MARIJUANA PLANTINGS).

B. ON DECEMBER 3 AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA SIGNED AND EXCHANGED LETTERS AGREEING THAT THE USG WOULD PROVIDE FOUR LARGE BELL)12 HELICOPTERS, FOR USE IN GOM ERADICATION EFFORTS. ORIGINALLY TO COST SOME \$3.6 MILLION, THE PRICE CEILING HAS NOW BEEN

RAISED TO \$3.8 MILLION (SEE MEXICO 9047).

C. ON DECEMBER 7 MEXICAN AMBASSADOR (IN WASHINGTON

DE OLLOQUI PRESENTED TO DR. DUPONT OF SAODAP A NUMBER OF BOOKS ON DRUG ABUSE AND RELATED BOTANICAL INFORMATION.

DONATED AS RECIPROCITY FOR THE USG ASSISTANCE TO THE LIBRARY OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH (CEMEF), THE MEXICAN GIFT WAS FOLLOWED IN MID-DECEMBER BY ANOTHER TRANCHE OF SIX CARTONS OF US-DONATED BOOKS FOR CEMEF.

. NOTORIOUS (CLASS II) TRAFFICKER, LEGAL MEXICAN RESIDENT AND SUBJECT OF EXTRADITION REQUEST, HORACE CLIFTON JONES WAS "INFORMALLY DEPORTED" FROM MEXICO ON DECEMBER 17. HE WAS ARRESTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BY DEA AGENTS AND LILL STAND TRIAL IN FT. WORTH ON NARCOTICS CHARGES (SEE MEXICO 9540).

E. ON THE DOMESTIC SCENE, STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS AGAIN THIS MONTH UNDERLINED THE GROWING CONCERN OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC. SPECIFIC EXAMPLES:

1. DR. GUIDO BELSASSO OF CEMEF TURNED OVER TO THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SOME 50 ANALYTICAL APPARATUSES TO BE USED AT MEXICAN CUSTOMS CHECK POINTS. DESIGNED AND PRODUCED IN MEXICO, THE EQUIPMENT WILL REPORTEDLY MAKE POSSIBLE RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF ALKALOIDS, DANGEROUS DRUGS AND RELATED COMPOUNDS. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. SPEAKING BEFORE THE JOURNALISTS CLUB HERE, DR. MIGUEL PADILLA PIMENTEL NOTED THAT IN THE PAST 12 YEARS THE NUMBER OF MINORS ADMITTED TO THE JUVENILE COURT WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM EMOTIONAL DISORDERS HAS INCREASED FROM 6 TO 48 PERCENT; AND OF THESE THE MAJORITY ARE DRUG ADDICTS, (READ MARIJUANA AND INHALENTS), HE AID.; CALLING MEXICO THE LEADING PRODUCER OF MARIJUANA IN THE WORLD, DR. PADILLA SAID THAT SINCE 1968 MEXICO HAS

PRODUCED A WEEKLY AVERAGE OF 20 TONS OF THE WEED, THE LARGEST PART OF WHICH IS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE VALLEY OF MEXICO, DR. FRANCISCO CAMACHO LACROIX,

TERMED DRUG DEPENDENCY A SERIOUS MEDICAL/SOCIAL PROBLEM IN MANY
COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING MEXICO CITY. DR. CAMACHO EMPHASIZED
THE ADDICTIVE DANGERS OF MANY MEDICATIONS SOLD OVER-THE-
COUNTER LOCALLY, BUT DREW A USEFUL DISTINCTION BETWEEN
MARIJUANA SMOKERS, WHO ARE NOT PHYSICALLY ADDICTED, AND
USERS OF BARBITURATES OR ALCOHOL, WHO MAY DEVELOP A
CLASSIC PHYSICAL DEPENDENCY.
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4. PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, DR. DANIEL AGUILAR
OJEDA, CHARACTERIZED DRUG DEPENDENCY AS BEING PRODUCED
BY THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE FAMILY; HE ALSO UNDERLINED
THE DANGERS OF INSUFFICIENT CONTROL OVER SALES OF

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

3 KGM. HEROIN SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO

260 GMS. HEROIN AND 80 GMS COCAINED SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO.

2 1/2 MILLION AMPHETAMINE TABLETS SEIZED IN TIJUANA.

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6.8 LBS. HEROIN SEIZED AT SAN YSIDRO, CALIF. POE BY US CUSTOMS.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICO OPERATIONS

1 TON MARIJUANA, 3 OZS. COCAINE SEIZED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ.

2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN CHIHUAHUA.

2 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

1 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

2 TONS MARIJUANA, 286 GMS. HEROIN, SEIZED IN SONORA AND MAZATLAN.

4 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

3 1/2 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

3 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT

500 GMS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

4 1/2 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED IN CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO.

3 1/2 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED IN MEXICO CITY.

2 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.

TOTALS FOR MONTH (INCOMPLETE):

10 1/2 KGS. HEROIN

24 KGS. COCAINE

2.5 MILLION AMPHETAMINE TABLETS.

4. YEAR END TOTALS

A. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS ISSUED THE
FOLLOWING SEIZURE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1; THROUGH
DECEMBER 13, 1973:

15) KGS.; COCAINE

&114 KGS. HEROIN

70 KGS. OPIUM GUM

34 KGS. OPIUM SEED

5,158,000 AMPHETAMINE AND BARBITURATE PILLS

97 KGS. AMPHETAMINE POWDER

GWNTUT LSD PILLS

1.3 KG. LSD POWDER

10.3 KGS. MUSHROOMS AND PEYOTE.

THE MFJP ARRESTED 2,607 MEXICANS AND 375 FOREIGNERS,
AND SEITED 673 VEHICLES, 40 AIRCRAFT AND 2; WATERCRAFT.

B. AT THE SAME TIME THE SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL
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DEFENSE ISSUED ITS OWN SET OF YEAR-END STATISTICS, WHICH
INTER ALIA STATED THAT;

15,000 OPIUM POPPY PLANTINGS CONTAINING

600,000,000 PLANTS HAD BEEN DESTROYED;

GQPP CGS OF OPIUM, 40 KGS. OF HEROIN, &50 KGS.
OF MORPHINE, 50 KGS. OF OPIUM GUM, AND 170 KGS. OF COCAINE
HAD BEEN SEIZED AND DESTROYED. (ONE MILITARY COMMAND,
THE 15TH ZONE IN GUADALAJARA,; WAS CREDITED WITH TAKING
103 KGS. OF COCAINE IN ONE STROKE*)

C. COMMENT: WHILE THE ARMY'S ERADICATION FIGURES
DO NOT DISAGREE TOO MARKEDLY WITH THOSE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL (4,500 VICE 4,400 HECTARES DESTROYED, FOR EXAMPLE)
THERE OBVIOUSLY IS A CONSIDERABLE DISCREPANCY IN THE
SEIZURE STATISTICS. WE DO NOT KNOW IF ANY OF
THESE SEIZURE TOTALS OVERLAP, OR IF EACH AGENCY PURPORTS
TO BE CITING ITS OWN SEIZURES; WE ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE
THIS PROBLEM AND WILL REPORT OUR RESULTS TO WASHINGTON.
MEANWHILE, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S STATISTICS AS BEING THE MORE REALISTIC OF THE
TWO SETS.
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